

STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY MAINE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES 152 STATE HOUSE STATION AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333



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MAINE EMS INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING WEDNESDAY JULY 3, 2013 GAMBLING BOARD ROOM, AUGUSTA, RATIFIED BY THE MAINE EMS BOARD ON AUGUST 7, 2013 MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Paul Knowlton, Tim Beals, Judy Gerrish (in at 11:00), Mike Senecal, Lori

Metayer and Nathan Contreras

Staff: Alan Leo and Dawn Kinney

Office of Attorney General: Lauren LaRochelle, AAG

1. CASE #12-030 – Licensee Present with Counsel.

MOTION: To enter executive session pursuant to 32 M.R.S.A. §90 (A)(3) and 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(E) & (F) to receive legal advice and to conduct an informal conference concerning case number 12-030. (Senecal; second by Contreras) Unanimous.

Entered executive session at 9:30 a.m.

MOTION: To exit executive session. (Senecal; second by Knowlton) Unanimous.

Executive session ended at 10:50 a.m.

MOTION: To recommend that this case be tabled to the next Committee meeting to allow staff to request additional information and documentation on the current and past process of Quality Assurance, documentation, and import and export of electronic run reports (including access to reports and ability to alter them). A recommendation for resolution of case # 12-030 will be made at that time. (Senecal; second by Knowlton) Unanimous.

2. CASE #13- 024 – Keith Bentley - Application Review, Applicant present.

Summary: On June 7, 2013, Maine EMS received a reciprocity application for Paramedic license from Keith Bentley. On that application Mr. Bentley listed a patient care/protocol violation for which he received a Letter of Reprimand/Order to Correct Violations: Required Remediation from Massachusetts EMS. Specifically, the applicant did not follow appropriate advanced airway management on a patient.

Aggravating Circumstances: None

Mitigating Circumstances: None

MOTION: To recommend to the Board that this license be issued, provided that by August 7, 2013 the applicant has successfully met the requirements as outlined in the Order to Correct violations: Required Remediation from Massachusetts EMS. If the requirements have not been successfully met by August 7, 2013, to enter into a consent agreement that adopts the Massachusetts remediation requirements and that requires the applicant to immediately surrender his license if the MAEMS remediation has not been successfully met. (Metayer; second by Gerrish) Unanimous.

Unless otherwise directed by the Board, the Committee will consider its duties with respect to Case # 13-024 complete upon ratification by the Board of the Committee's recommendation or other final action by the Board.

3. CASE #13-028 - Charles Worcester - Application Review, Applicant present.

Summary: On October 17, 2012, Maine EMS received a new application for an EMT license from Charles Worcester. On that application Mr. Worchester listed a conviction in 2011 for Operating Under the Influence. A routine Criminal History Report obtained by Maine EMS and a Driving Record report confirms this.

Aggravating Circumstances: None

Mitigating Circumstances: None

MOTION: Given the applicant's activities, employment and letters of support since the conviction, applicant has been sufficiently rehabilitated to warrant the public trust. The Committee recommends that the Board issue the license with a Letter of Guidance. It is recommended that the Letter of Guidance be maintained in the file for three years and that it reference professional behavior/conduct. (Metayer; second by Contreras) Unanimous.

Unless otherwise directed by the Board, the Committee will consider its duties with respect to Case # 13-028 complete upon ratification by the Board of the Committee's recommendation or other final action by the Board.

The Committee agreed that all future meetings will begin at 9:00. Due to the number of informal conferences, it was agreed to hold an August 14th meeting along with the September 4th meeting.

The Committee adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

The next Investigations Committee meeting will be on August 14, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.